

# About the Writers



## **Dr. Charles F. Law**

Books written: I Timothy, II Timothy, Galatians, II Corinthians

Dr. Charles F. Law has served in the ministry for nearly 60 years. He was born on March 17, 1938, and was reared in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he began attending Central Baptist Church in early childhood. Having been saved and baptized as a young teenager, he announced his call to the ministry at age 18 and was ordained by his home church one year later.

Bro. Law earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from The College (now University) of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas, and the Master and Doctor of Bible Languages Degrees from Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas. For nearly 20 years, he was a pastor, serving the following churches in Arkansas: Center Point Baptist Church near Hartman, Hephzibah Baptist Church near Emerson, Central Baptist Church in Fayetteville, and Calvary Baptist Church in Magnolia. From 1967-1972, he served as Clerk for the State Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of Arkansas. During his ministry, he has accomplished various writing assignments for the American Baptist Association Sunday School Committee, including quarterlies for Sunday School, Baptist Training Course, and the Daily Devotional Guide, plus literature for Vacation Bible School and Youth Encampments. He was one of the original writers for the Adult Lesson Commentary series. He has also written materials for Bible study courses including, "Women of the Bible" and "The Biblical Covenants."

For 20 years, Bro. Law served as an active duty chaplain in the United States Air Force. His assignments included Loring AFB, Maine; Torrejon AB, Spain; Lackland AFB, Texas; Kunsan AB, Korea; Bergstrom AFB, Texas; and Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. He was deployed to Mombasa, Kenya; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Moron, Spain; and Egypt. Among the awards he earned are the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

Bro. Law and his wife Nancy, who is also a native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, have been married for nearly 55 years. They have a daughter, Paula Penn, who lives in North Little Rock, Arkansas, with her husband, David, and their four children, Jonathan, Christopher, Joy, and Daniel. They also have a son, Chancy, who lives in Ossining, New York. Bro. and Mrs. Law currently live in Sherwood, Arkansas, and are active members of Faith Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas.



## **Dr. Raymond McAlister**

Books written: Titus, Philemon

Dr. Raymond McAlister was born in Beebe, Arkansas, and was saved at age 10 during a Vacation Bible School at a Baptist church in Orlando, Florida. He graduated from Little Rock Central High School, attended Little Rock Junior College (now University of Arkansas at Little Rock) for one year and attended the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas, for six years. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida Baptist College (now Emmaus Baptist College) (1981), both a Master of Arts degree (1986), and a Doctor of Ministry degree (1987) from the Heritage Baptist University in Greenwood, Indiana. He also received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Florida Baptist College (1983). He was baptized and surrendered to preach at the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Little Rock, and was ordained to the ministry in 1957 by the Independence Baptist Church in Pleasant Plains, Arkansas, which was also his first pastorate. He pastored the United Baptist Church in Benton, Arkansas, for three years before moving to Indianapolis in 1961, where he pastored the Landmark Baptist Church for over thirty years. He worked with the Macedonian Missionary Service in Lakeland, Florida, from 1994 until 2003 when he became president of Emmaus Baptist College (formerly Florida Baptist College) in Brandon, Florida. He served as president of the college from 2003 until 2014.

He was editor of the "Macedonian Call" for nine years and editor of the "Baptist Anchor" for eleven years. He is the author of A Biblical Study of Tongues, Reflections, New Testament Basics, and Basic Bible Course, which has been translated into over a dozen languages.



**Dr. James (Jim) A. Crain**

Books written: Ephesians

Dr. James (Jim) A. Crain was born on February 5, 1952, in Longview, Texas, and reared near McNeil, Arkansas. After graduating from McNeil High School, he served 4 years in the military during the Vietnam War. He was saved at the age of 16 and was baptized by Mt. Zion MBC in Cale, Arkansas, where he also surrendered to preach in December of 1972. He was ordained by Liberty MBC, Shreveport, Louisiana, in January 1975. He received a Bachelor, Master

and Doctorate of Theology from Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary and presently serves on the faculty.

He served as either moderator or treasurer of several local associations and of the Louisiana State Association. He served as President of the American Baptist Association from 2012 to 2014. He has served on the Standing Missionary Committee of the ABA since 2004 and has served as chairman since 2012. He has been a published writer since 1983, and is currently editor of the HPB Publications.

Dr. Crain and his wife Beverly had two children. These include a son who died from an injury received during the Persian Gulf invasion of 1991 and a daughter. They also have two grandchildren.

Dr. Crain served twice as a local missionary and has pastored churches in Arkansas and Louisiana. He has pastored Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Minden, Louisiana, since November 1995.



**Dr. James Floyd**

Books written: Acts, I Corinthians

Dr. James Floyd is a native of Arkansas. He was saved and baptized at New Home Missionary Baptist Church near Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in 1949. Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church near Star City, Arkansas ordained him into the ministry in 1955.

Brother Floyd is a graduate of the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he earned a Bachelor in Bible Languages in 1968, a Master of Bible Languages in 1969, and a Doctorate in Bible Languages in 1971. He served as President of the Student Senate for two years.

While pastoring in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he served as a chaplain for the Pine Bluff Police Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff Department, the Civil Air Patrol, as a Jefferson County Deputy Coroner, and president for the Jefferson County Chaplain's Association. He was honored to serve as "Chaplain for the Day" for the Kentucky State Senate. He serves as head of the Language Department at the Cumberland Baptist Institute in Somerset, Kentucky, as well, as an instructor of Biblical Hebrew and Greek.

He served on the Standing Missionary Committee of the American Baptist Association. He has over fifty years of experience in pastoral duties, evangelism, Bible conferences, and in assisting missionaries in foreign fields. He has pastored in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Kentucky, his home since 1980.

He is married to Peggy Green Floyd. They have been blessed with two children, Belinda Floyd and Keith Floyd, his wife Latisha, and two grandchildren, Sable Floyd Snyder and Rachel Floyd.



**Dr. David M. Butimore, Sr.**

Books written: Hebrews (Introduction through Chapter 5)

Dr. David M. Butimore, Sr. was born on January 20, 1951, in Lynwood, California. He graduated from Westminster High School, Westminster, California, in 1969. He graduated from Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, California, in 1972, with an Associate of Arts in Music. He accepted Christ as Savior in August 1970, and was baptized at Community MBC, Orange, California. He surrendered to preach in October 1971, and later enrolled at California

Missionary Baptist Institute & Seminary (CMBI) in Bellflower, California, in August 1972, where he received the Doctor of Theology degree in 1990.

Olive Hill MBC, Oroville, ordained him in December 1975. He has pastored various churches in California and presently pastors First MBC, Fresno, California, since 2001. He served on the faculty of CMBI from 1987-1993. He has been the president of Fresno Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary since 2001. He has served as the treasurer of the American Baptist Association of Theological Schools since 2005.

Dr. Butimore has served as moderator of the Southern California Cooperative Association (1993-1995); music director (1977-1989) and moderator (1996) of the California Cooperative Association and has been its parliamentarian since 2002. He has served as music director (1987-1992); parliamentarian (1995-2000 and 2005-present); vice president (2001-2002); president (2003-2004) of the American Baptist Association; and on the Baptist Sunday School Committee since 2002 and as a writer of the Adult Commentary for the Sunday School curriculum since 2003, and has authored 10 books. He has been married to Deborah since 1977, and they have three children, Pastor Matt Butimore of Idaho, Rebekah Baker and her husband Paul, and Jonathan. They have three grandsons.



**Dr. James F. Holmes**

Books written: Hebrews (Chapter 6 – 9)

Dr. James F. Holmes grew up in Prairie County, Arkansas. He was born on April 24, 1935, on the family rice farm. He was saved at age twelve and baptized by the Center Point Missionary Baptist Church near Hazen, Arkansas. His ministry began when he preached his first sermon on June 7, 1953 in his home church.

For 61 years, Bro. Holmes has been an active pastor and preacher, ministering to the Faith Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas for thirty-three of those years. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a Bachelor's degree in the English language and Speech Communication. He graduated from the Missionary Baptist Seminary with a Master's degree in the Bible languages. In 1963, he was awarded the honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree by the Protestant Episcopal University in London England. He has a certificate from Moody Bible Institute for post graduate studies in Greek, and was awarded the Doctorate of Ministry by the Central Arkansas Baptist Bible Institute. He served as President of the American Baptist Association for the years of 1995 and 1996.

He is presently teaching Expository Writing and English Grammar, New Testament Greek, and the book of Acts at the Central Arkansas Baptist Bible Institute in Benton, Arkansas. He is the author of Blue Collar Christianity, Actions of the Early Churches, Don't Bypass the Bypass, Sermon Notes: Philippians/Colossians, From the Mind of God, and Speaking of the Devil.

Dr. Holmes and Bette Jackson were married in 1953 after graduating from high school together. They are the parents of Brad, who is married to Cindy, and Byron who is married to Terri. They have two granddaughters and two grandsons, and four great grandchildren.



**Dr. Joseph Brown**

Books written: Hebrews (Chapter 10-13)

Dr. Joseph Brown is pastor of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, since September 6, 1992. He accepted Christ as Savior in August 1972, and was baptized by the Faith Missionary Baptist Church in 1977. He was ordained by Temple Missionary Baptist Church, Pineville, Louisiana, on December 6, 1980, where he pastored until 1992. He also held the offices of Louisiana State Moderator, Moderator of the Louisiana First Springhill Association, Moderator and Treasurer of the Louisiana Central Association and Treasurer of

ABA Theological Schools. He serves as Assistant Editor of the Baptist New Testament Commentary and Assistant Editor of the Missionary Baptist News, Minden, Louisiana.

He is a graduate of Louisiana Missionary Baptist Seminary and Institute (LMBIS) and holds a Doctorate of Theology. Since 1993, he has been a faculty member of LMBIS where he teaches Greek and Pastoral Counseling and serves as the Dean of Students.

Dr. Brown is married to Ruby Tipton Brown. They have three children, Paul and wife Stephanie, Andrea and husband Tobias Wilson, and Mark. They have two grandchildren, Noah and Caleb Brown.



**Dr. Roger G. Copeland**

Books written: James

Dr. Roger G. Copeland was born August 5, 1963 at Newport, Arkansas. He is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Julius Copeland and one of three children. Dr. Copeland was raised in a Christian home, and accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of seven. He was baptized by Salem MBC in Judsonia, Arkansas. He answered the call to preach in January 1981, and Bethel #2 licensed him to preach and ordained him in February 1982.

Dr. Copeland graduated from Woodlawn High School at Rison, Arkansas in 1981. He received his Doctorate of Theology from the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1991. He served as Moderator of the Arkansas State Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of Arkansas in 2002-2003. He served on the Baptist Sunday School Committee from 2000 to 2006. In 2000, Dr. Copeland became instructor at the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas. He served as President of the American Baptist Association during the 2009 and 2010 sessions.

He has pastored the following churches: Lone Grove MBC, Star City, Arkansas (1982-1986), Harmony MBC, Pine Bluff, Arkansas (1986-1991), Broadmoor MBC, Pine Bluff, Arkansas (1991-1993), Beech Grove Baptist Church, Fordyce, Arkansas (1993-2003) and has served Northern Hills MBC, Texarkana, Arkansas since December 2003. Dr. Copeland has been widely used as a speaker throughout the United States and in other countries, and has been the Editor of the "Missionary Baptist Searchlight" since 2003. He is married to Jenny Beth (Carter) Copeland and they have three children.